

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS MEETING
TO CONSIDER PENDING NOMINATIONS

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THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2008

United States Senate,
Committee on Rules and Administration,
Washington, D.C.

The committee met, pursuant to notice, at 12:18 p.m., in Room S-219, The Capitol, Hon. Dianne Feinstein, Chairman of the committee, presiding.

Present: Senators Feinstein, Inouye, Dodd, Durbin, Reid, Pryor, Bennett, Stevens, Cochran, Chambliss, Hagel and Ensign.

Staff Present: Howard Gantman, Staff Director; Veronica Gillespie, Elections Counsel; Carole Blessington, Assistant to the Majority Staff Director; Lynden Armstrong, Chief Clerk; Mary Jones, Republican Staff Director; Matthew Petersen, Republican Chief Counsel; and Michael Merrell, Republican Counsel.

Chairman Feinstein. The Committee is called to order. A quorum is now present with 10 members physically present.

Yesterday the Committee held a hearing on the nominations of Cynthia L. Bauerly, Caroline C. Hunter, and Donald F. McGahn to be members of the Federal Election Commission.

After receiving testimony from the nominees and a question and answer session, the hearing was adjourned.

Since a quorum of ten Members was not present when we began the markup yesterday, the Committee was recessed to reconvene today following a vote.

During the hearing, I told my Ranking Member, Senator Bennett, that if he requested, I would consider the three nominations en bloc by voice vote. He agreed.

Does any Member object to this?

If not, I will entertain the following motion: that the three nominations be ordered reported to the Senate with the recommendation that they be approved.

Does any Member so move?

Senator Bennett. I move, Madame Chair.

Chairman Feinstein. Is there a second?

[A chorus of speakers.] I second.

Chairman Feinstein. All in favor, say aye.

[A chorus of ayes.]

Chairman Feinstein. Those opposed, say nay.

[No response.]

Chairman Feinstein. The ayes have it, and the motion is agreed to.

The nominations are ordered reported with a recommendation that they be confirmed.

The Committee is adjourned.

[Whereupon, at 12:20 p.m., the Committee was adjourned.]